

## **MINUTES**

### **A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council**

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010  
7:00 p.m.**

**China Grove Town Hall  
China Grove, North Carolina**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of February 2, 2010 to order and welcomed all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bringle called roll. All council members were present, there was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on February 2, 2010 with an addition under Other Business I) Recognition by Chief Kluttz. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the January 5, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to adopt the January 19, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. Reverend Jones – Rev. Jones provided a copy of the statement that was read for him by Ms. Cheryl Smith. Ms. Smith read the statement. (Copy of transcript attached.)
2. Reverend Graham – Rev. Graham stated that he is standing for the Citizens for Justice. He stated that Lucille Knox and Katherine Eller are his aunts. He stated that they have used the community center for the past 15 years. He stated that the building was clean, as he witnessed. He stated that these two ladies are outstanding citizens. He stated that they love church and care about people and family. He stated that it is not a black or white thing but for anyone who has been mistreated. He stated that he would be here for any other family because he believes to do what is right. He stated that he believes in liberty and justice for all. He asked that they do what is pure, honest and right.
3. Bishop King – stated that he wishes to not speak.

4. Kathy Gibson – Ms. Gibson stated that she is Katherine Eller’s daughter. She stated that they do not enjoy what is going on. She stated that some of the comments are from city workers and really touched her heart. She stated that they are law abiding citizens and wants them to take notice of what is going on in the Rowan County community and wants this to be addressed. She stated that she feels that the situation was handled in an inappropriate way. She stated that had this not happened, she would not be here but when it hits home, it has affected her and wants to see this taken care of in a peaceful and Godly manner. She stated that she wants this worked out as best as possible.
5. Cheryl Smith – had no further comments.

Mayor Bringle stated that the council would take all comments into advisement and will be followed through with.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **I) Board of Adjustment Appointments**

Ms. Emily Jackson stated that there are two positions open, one for the Board of Adjustment and one for Planning Board. Ms. Kathy Karelitz is moving out of China Grove and her position will be opening on the Planning Board. She stated that they need a recommendation for someone in the ETJ to replace her seat. She stated that the ad has been run for the BOA position. She stated that no applications have been received and none on file. She stated that Miranda Scott declined the offer of being moved up from an alternate position.

Mayor Bringle stated that no names are available at this point for approval or recommendation. He stated that he would like to see this advertised one more time. He asked the citizens in attendance to apply for a position on one of these boards.

### **II) Request for Street Closure**

Attorney Tom Brooke stated that there is a statutory procedure that allows the town to close a street. He stated that in this case, there was an old subdivision off Roberts Street next to the Assembly of God Church and this particular street was never named. He stated that the property owners on either side can petition to have the street closed. He stated that he has prepared the resolution privately for the people who are requesting the closure. He stated that the resolution does not close the street but allows intent to permanently close the street after advertising and by another resolution at a public meeting.

Mayor Bringle stated that this is a paved area and not technically a street.

Mr. Upright asked if there is ingress or egress.

Mr. Brooke stated that there is not.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the Resolution of Intent to Close Unnamed Street off of Roberts Street. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### III) Waste Management Contracts

Mr. Pless stated that the council will need to contact Waste Management by the notice of April 1, 2010 for continuing the service for garbage collection. He stated that this would end the original contract if ended April 1, 2010. He stated that options could be provided at the Retreat for other options. He stated that there is not a contract revision for renewal or notification after this year. He stated that they have been very responsive to any complaints that have been filed. He recommended remaining with Waste Management for another year and advertising at that time.

Mr. Seaford stated that he would like to be sure this is advertised next year to be sure we have a competitive bid.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to stay with Waste Management for another year. Mr. Overcash seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chief Kluttz recognized Fire Chief Jeff Gledhill. Chief Kluttz stated that Chief Gledhill was able to help capture a suspect involved in several break-ins throughout China Grove. Chief Kluttz thanked Chief Gledhill.

Mayor Bringle also thanked Chief Gledhill.

Mayor Bringle stated that he was contacted previously by an individual who would like to hold a community cookout at the Community Building. He stated that they are looking to do this early spring. He asked the council to review it and look into it further at the Town Council Retreat. He stated that this is community involvement and would spread goodwill across the community.

Mr. Pless stated that they are looking at June, 2010.

Mayor Bringle stated that he has been contacted by several parents concerning the safety issue of the sidewalk being extended between China Grove Middle School and Porky's BBQ and would like to look further into this issue.

Mayor Bringle asked Mr. Pless about the response towards the implemented recycling program.

Mr. Pless stated that there has been a great response and is hopeful that this will be successful. He stated that a forty foot yard container has been almost completely filled with paper. He stated that the citizens have been very respectful of handling their business.

Mayor Bringle asked if there are products left at the gates over the weekend.

Mr. Ketner stated that there has not been.

Mr. Pless stated that a flyer is in the process of being prepared and mailed to citizens about the recycling program.

Mr. Pless stated that the Retreat will be held February 27, 2010 from 8-12. He stated that they may need to call a special meeting for the USDA grant.

Mayor Bringle thanked those who spoke and attended the meeting this evening. He thanked the staff for what they have had to work with and work through. He also thanked them for working through the snow.

Mayor Bringle encouraged parents who are in attendance to let the school board know of their concerns. He stated that several of the council members have spoken with the school board officials.

#### **ADJOURN**

Mr. Withers made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk**

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**Donald E. Bringle, Mayor**